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**DIVISION OF WATER**

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**Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators  
Tuesday, December 5, 2017  
DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building  
Conference Room B172  
MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

Board: Brian Blackburn, Jerry Esposito and Bryan Ashby  
DW: Marlene Baust, Chris Cleaver, Jack Hayes, Nicole Smith and Faye Wheeler  
Public: Jeff Deats, Ira Kaiser, Mark Kondelis, Sr., Sarah Smith, Hilary Valentine and  
Rodney Watts

**Chairman Brian Blackburn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

A quorum of the board is present.

- The agenda for the current meeting is approved.
- Minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting are approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

- **Start Action Notice (SAN)**
  - No update – Hearing Officer Lisa Vest had hoped to have it completed.
- **Chesapeake Bay Grant Funds for Training Upgrades**
  - Work is progressing slowly, but carefully.
  - Currently working on a class power point, making sure objectives are incorporated and test questions are being updated.
  - Hilary Valentine asks does the Board want to go to an electronic platform. The Board would like to know the cost for the electronic format. Ms. Valentine reports The Office of Drinking Water examination is currently under review. We can review their electronic test. Brian Blackburn and Nicole Smith are willing to review after January 2018. If the Board would like to proceed with an electronic examination, it would be possible to go live for January 2019 examination.

**New Business**

- **Ground Water**
  - Jack Hayes discussed 3<sup>rd</sup> party to a permit as opposed to an operator. Who is liable? Who should report? Artesian contracted in 1998 with Middletown. In a Level III facility, wastewater operator is responsible for disposal.

- Following discussion The Board says we must work in communication with DRC, Golf Course Superintendent. There are conflicts in our Regulations. This is not a clear cut closed issue
- At this point, have DRC report when 3<sup>rd</sup> party is spraying.
- **Continuing Education Course Approvals/Denials (November)**
  - The Board reviewed renewals, certifications and expirations.
- **Operator License Renewals/Certifications/Expirations November**
  - The Board reviewed renewals, certifications and expirations.
- **License certifications and renewals audit for November**
  - Five folders were reviewed by the Board – no issues were found.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.**

The next Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators meeting will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Delaware Technical & Community College - Terry Campus Corporate Training Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Faye Wheeler, CAP